

CLAIMS

That which is claimed is:

1. A timepiece comprising:
a case that includes a timing element for displaying time;
a bracelet-style wristband for securing said timepiece to a wrist of a wearer, said wristband including a first extension and a second extension that extend from opposite sides of said case; and
at least a first separating element located on said wristband and adjacent to the wrist, said first separating element forming at least one separation between said wristband and the wrist, said separation permitting air to ventilate an area between said wristband and the wrist.
2. The timepiece of claim 1, wherein said wristband is formed integral with said case.
3. The timepiece of claim 1, wherein said first separating element is located on said first extension and a second separating element is located on said second extension, said first separating element forming a first separation between said first extension and the wrist, said second separating element forming a second separation between said second extension and the wrist.
4. The timepiece of claim 3, wherein said first separating element is located adjacent an end of said first extension and opposite said case, and said second separating element is

located adjacent an end of said second extension and opposite said case, said first separating element and said second separating element contacting a lower portion of the wrist.

5. The timepiece of claim 3, wherein said first separating element and said second separating element are formed separate from said wristband.

6. The timepiece of claim 5, wherein said first separating element and said second separating element are formed of silicone.

7. The timepiece of claim 3, wherein said first and said second separating elements are formed integral with said wristband.

8. The timepiece of claim 3, wherein a third separating element is located on said case, said third said separating element forming a third separation between said case and the wrist.

9. The timepiece of claim 8, wherein said first separation, said second separation, and said third separation extend substantially around a circumference of the wrist.

10. The timepiece of claim 8, wherein at least one of said separating elements includes a textured surface positioned to contact the wrist.

11. The timepiece of claim 10, wherein said textured surface includes a series of indentations.

12. The timepiece of claim 8, wherein said third separating element is formed integral with said case.

13. The timepiece of claim 8, wherein said first separating element, said second separating element, and said third separating element form a three-point contact with said wrist, said three-point contact preventing said case and said wristband from making substantial contact with the wrist.

14. A timepiece comprising:

a case that includes a timing element for displaying time;

a bracelet-style wristband formed integral with said case for securing said timepiece to a wrist of a wearer, said wristband including a first extension and a second extension extending from opposite sides of said case; and

a first separating element located on said first extension and adjacent the wrist, a second separating element located on said second extension and adjacent to the wrist, and a third separating element located on said case and adjacent to the wrist, said separating elements forming at least one separation between said timepiece and the wrist, said at least one separation permitting air to ventilate an area between said timepiece and the wrist.

15. The timepiece of claim 14, wherein said first separating element is located adjacent an end of said first extension and opposite said case, and said second separating element is located adjacent an end of said second extension and opposite said case, said first separating element and said second separating element contacting a lower portion of the wrist.

16. The timepiece of claim 14, wherein said first separating element and said second separating element are formed separate from said wristband, and said third separating element is formed integral with said case.

17. The timepiece of claim 16, wherein said first separating element and said second separating element are formed of silicone.

18. The timepiece of claim 14, wherein said first and said second separating elements are formed integral with said wristband, and said third separating element is formed integral with said case.

19. The timepiece of claim 14, wherein said at least one separation extends substantially around a circumference of the wrist.

20. The timepiece of claim 14, wherein said first separating element, said second separating element, and said third separating element form a three-point contact with said wrist, said three-point contact preventing said case and said wristband from making substantial contact with the wrist.

21. The timepiece of claim 15, wherein at least one of said separating elements includes a textured surface positioned to contact the wrist.

22. The timepiece of claim 21, wherein said textured surface includes a series of indentations.

23. A timepiece comprising:

a case that includes a timing element for displaying time;

a bracelet-style wristband formed integral with said case for securing said timepiece to a wrist of a wearer, said wristband including a first extension and a second extension extending from opposite sides of said case; and

a first separating element located on an end of said first extension and adjacent to a lower portion of the wrist, a second separating element located on an end of said second extension and adjacent to the lower portion of the wrist, and a third separating element located on said case and adjacent to an upper portion of the wrist, said separating elements forming at least one separation between said timepiece and the wrist, said at least one separation permitting air to ventilate an area between said timepiece and the wrist.

24. The timepiece of claim 25, wherein said first separating element and said second separating element are formed separate from said wristband, and said third separating element is formed integral with said case.

25. The timepiece of claim 24, wherein said first separating element and said second separating element are formed of silicone.

26. The timepiece of claim 25, wherein said at least one separation extends substantially around a circumference of the wrist.

27. The timepiece of claim 23, wherein said first separating element, said second separating element, and said third separating element form a three-point contact with the wrist, said three-point contact preventing said case and said wristband from making substantial contact with the wrist.

28. The timepiece of claim 23, wherein at least one of said separating elements includes a textured surface positioned to contact the wrist, said textured surface including a series of indentations.

29. A timepiece comprising:

a case that includes a timing element for displaying time; and

a wristband formed integral with said case that includes a pair of arcuate extensions

protruding from side portions of said case, said extensions being configured to

extend partially around a wrist of a wearer and form a space between ends of said

extensions, said ends being located opposite said case and said space being within

the range of 5 to 60 millimeters when said wristband is in an unstretched configuration.

30. The timepiece of claim 29, wherein said space is in the range of 12 to 50 millimeters.

31. The timepiece of claim 29, wherein said space is in the range of 12.5 to 16.5 millimeters.

32. The timepiece of claim 29, wherein said case and said wristband are formed of a polymeric material.

33. The timepiece of claim 29, wherein said ends each include a separating element that forms a separation between said wristband and the wrist, said separation permitting air to ventilate an area between said wristband and the wrist.

34. The timepiece of claim 33, wherein said separating elements are formed of silicone.

35. The timepiece of claim 33, wherein said separating elements include a textured surface positioned to contact the wrist.

36. The timepiece of claim 29, wherein said ends and said case each include a separating element that forms a separation between said wristband and the wrist, said separation permitting air to ventilate an area between said wristband and the wrist.

37. A timepiece comprising:

a case that includes a timing element for displaying time; and

a wristband having a pair of arcuate extensions protruding from side portions of said

case, said extensions being configured to extend at least partially around a wrist of

a wearer, said wristband including at least a first portion shaped to form a

separation between said wristband and a wrist of a wearer to ventilate an area of

the wrist located adjacent said separation.

38. The timepiece of claim 37, wherein said extensions include ends located opposite said case, said ends defining a space between said extensions.

39. The timepiece of claim 38, wherein said space is within the range of 5 to 60 millimeters when said wristband is in an unstretched configuration.

40. The timepiece of claim 38, wherein said space is in the range of 12 to 50 millimeters.

41. The timepiece of claim 38, wherein said space is in the range of 12.5 to 16.5 millimeters.

42. The timepiece of claim 38, wherein said first portion is a first separating element located on a first of said ends and positioned between said first of said ends and the wrist.

43. The timepiece of claim 42, wherein a second separating element is located on a second of said ends and positioned between said second of said ends and the wrist.